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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Sir:

The following is intended to be fully responsive to the Non-Final Office Action mailed November 15, 2007 ("the Office Action"). The undersigned respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejections in view of the amendments and arguments presented herein.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.

**Conclusion** begins on page 18 of this paper.